

Memorandum for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
Indian Commissioner relative to the  
future management of Indians.

Approved -

*[Signature]*

(1) All Indians who have not during the late troubles been disloyal or troublesome should be treated as heretofore, as they have not disturbed our Treaty relations, and our treatment in the past has been productive of progress and good results.

(2) As the rebellious Indians expected to have been treated with severity as soon as overpowered, a reaction of feeling must be guarded against. They were led to believe they would be shot down & harshly treated. Though humanity of course forbids this, unless severe examples are made of the more prominent participants in the rebellion much difficulty will be met with in their future management, & future turbulence may be feared. It is therefore suggested that all leading Indian rebels whom it is found possible to convict of particular crimes, such as instigating & inciting to treason, felony, arson, larceny, murder

The result of the trials will I trust show that there is an earnest out. *[Signature]*

murder &c, be dealt with in as severe a manner as the law will allow, & that no offences of their most prominent men be overlooked.

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(3) That Half-breed offenders who it is found have been really guilty of such serious offences as the above mentioned should be punished for their crimes in order to deter them from rebellious movements in future.

I approve of this  
(4) That the tribal system should be abolished in so far as is compatible with the Treaty, i.e., in all cases in which the Treaty has been broken by rebell tribes; by doing away with chiefs & councillors, depriving them of medals & other appurtenances of their offices.

Our instructors & employees will not then be hampered by Indian consultations & interferences but will administer direct orders & instructions to individuals, besides, by this action & careful repression of those that become prominent among them by counselling, medicine




medicine dances & so on,  
a further obstacle will  
be thrown in the way  
of future united rebellious  
movements.

(5) no annuity money should  
be now paid any bands  
that rebelled, or to any  
individuals that left well  
disposed bands & joined

I would like to see the  
views of the Dept on the insurgents.  
to future payments as the Treaty expressly  
of annuities - I have stipulated for peace &  
no doubt as to good-will as well as an  
observance of law & order,  
how we should observe of law & order,  
it has been entirely ab-  
rogated by the rebellion.  
Besides this fact, <sup>such</sup> suggestion  
is made, because in the  
past the annuity money  
which should have been  
expended wholly in  
necessaries has to a great  
extent been wasted upon  
articles more or less  
useless & in purchasing  
necessaries at exorbitant  
prices, entailing upon  
the Department a greater  
expenditure in providing  
articles of clothing, food  
& implements, not called  
for by the terms of the  
Treaty; than need have  
been entailed if the whole

whole of the annuity money had been well & economically applied to the purchase of such necessities. all future grants should be regarded as concessions of favor, not of right, & the rebel Indians be made to understand that they have forfeited every claim as matter of right.

I think we should (6.) Disarm all rebels, but endeavour to disarm all Indians not by compulsion for that would be impracticable but by persuasion and by keeping ammunition from them. If it is known by the Indians that we want to get their arms they will be cowed in convenient places & they will never pick them up, but if they find we care little about it & that they cannot get fixed ammunition they will sell their rifles. 

to those rebel Indians north of the north Saskatchewan who have heretofore mainly existed by hunting, return shot guns (retaining the rifles) branding them as I.D. property and keeping lists of those to whom arms are lent. Those to whom arms are thus supplied if left to their own resources - under careful supervision - would suffer great hardship & doubtlessly be benefitted by experiencing the fact that they cannot live after their old methods. They would soon incline to settlement & be less likely to again risk losing the chance of settling



settling down.

- (7) no rebel Indians should be allowed off the Reserves without a pass signed by an I.D. official. The dangers of complications with white men will thus be lessened, & by preserving a knowledge of individual movements & by inclinations to petty depredations may be checked, by the facility of apprehending those who commit the first of such offences.

This should be done & insisted upon as far as practicable - It might be thought well another year to legislate in that direction - *Ed*

Have reported on this; Report will follow - *Ed*

- (8) The leaders of the Teton Sioux who fought against the troops should be charged & the rest be sent out of the country, as there are certain of the settlers who are greatly inclined to shoot them on sight, & the settlements are more in fear of such marauders as these than of anything else.

- (9) Big Bear band should either be broken up & scattered among other bands or be given a Reserve adjacent to that at Anion Lake. The action in this regard could be decided better when it is known, after their surrender.

the number that will have to be dealt with. If the band is kept intact & settled as suggested the Instructor stationed at Onion Lake would be sufficient for the two bands.

(10) One Arrows band should be joined with that of Beardy & Akemais & their present Reserve surrendered & dealt with by the Department for their benefit.

I have expressed my opinion on this before, I approve.


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Chakotapaysain's band should be broken up & their Reserve surrendered, the band being treated as suggested with one Arrows. Neither of these bands are large enough to render it desirable to maintain Instructors permanently with them & as they are constituted of bad & lazy Indians nothing can be done without constant supervision for them. The action suggested therefore would have been wise in any case, their rebellion justifies its pursuit.

(11) all half-breeds, members of rebel bands, although not



not shown to have taken any active part in the rebellion, should have their names erased from the pay sheets, & if this suggestion is not approved of, by directing that all belonging to any bands should reside on the Reserves, most of these half-breeds would desire to be released from the terms of the Treaty. It is desirable however that the connection between such people & the Indians be entirely severed, as it is never productive of aught but bad results.

yes.   
(12.) There are one or two Canadians, not possessed of Indian blood, on the pay sheets, these should be struck off.

I am sending a report on deserving Indians throughout the Territories.  
  
(13.) James Leenum's band especially should receive substantial recognition of its loyalty, & all Indians like Mistawasis & Ahtahkook & other bands that have held aloof from rebellion should receive some mark of the government's appreciation of their conduct.

conduct. If such a mark is conferred carefully it will at once confirm them in their loyalty & assist in ensuring it in future, whilst increasing the contrast between their treatment & that of those who have acted differently, & this without leading them to believe that it is for the purchase of good behaviour, an effect to be guarded against.

(14) Agents should be particularly strict in seeing that each & every Indian now works for every pound of provisions given to him, & I would urge that so soon as possible directions be given to treat Indians that receive assistance in provisions & clothing in excess of Treaty stipulations, as coming under the masters & servants Act until such time as they become self-dependent. Unwilling men can then be made to give value for what they receive, a policy heretofore most difficult to carry out.

+ I do not see how this  
can be done.



I think this very  
desirable. *CR*

(15) Horses of rebel Indians  
should be confiscated,  
sold, & cattle or other  
necessaries be purchased  
with the proceeds of  
such sale. This action  
would cripple them for  
future rebellious move-  
ments, & they do not re-  
quire horses if made to  
stop on Reserves & adhere  
to agricultural pursuits.  
They would be retained  
on Reserves too with  
greater ease if the  
means of travelling expeditions  
by were taken from them.  
In view of the desirability  
of keeping the Indians  
from wandering, where  
confiscation is impossible  
endeavors might be  
made to induce a vol-  
untary exchange of  
horses for cattle &c.

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